or evening; fresh south to west winds.

North Carolina—Fair, continued warm
Tuesday and probably Wednesday, winds
mostly fresh southerly.

WEATHER FORECAST.

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RICHMOND VA. TUESDAY. MAY 14. 1900.

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BULLER TAKES THEBIGGARSBERG

Outwitted Boers by Bold Turning Movement.

DEMAND FOR PEACE.

Members of Free States Volkesraad Take This Action.

ROBERTS' ARMY AT KROONSTADT

It Will Probably Rest There a Few Days But His Cavalry is Pushing On-News of Mafcking's Relief is Hourly Looked For. End of War Predicted in Six Weeks,

LONDON, May 15-4:15-A. M.-General Buller's turning of the Biggarsberg posibut were making a stand Monday evening but were makin a stand Monday evening at Bleskoplaagte, seven miles from Dundee. The correspondents on the spot regarded this as a rearguard action intended to cover the retreat of the army. At the same time General Hilyard took inoba and it is reported that the Boers

General Buller, who seems to be employing his full strength, is expected to push on. His first marches were fortyfive miles in three days. He is thus breaking into English territory which has been administered for six months by the Transvaalers as though it were part of the republic, they holding courts and

President Kruger that keeps the burghers ogether."
At the British hospitals in Bloemfon-tein the deaths from enterric fevers aver-

BULLER'S MOVEMENT.

His Advance Has Begun in Earnest

and With Success. LONDON, May 14-1:52 P. M.-A despatch by The Associated Press from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, timed 12:05 P. M. to-day, brings the first intimation of a sucusy, prings the first intimation of a success attained by General Buller in Northern Natal. The sender of this despatch evidently assumes that news of the affair has been received direct from the scene of hostilities, for he merely says: "General's Buller's official telegram noti-fying his success at the Biggarsberg, re-

lying his success at the Biggassets, received here an hour ago, has given keen satisfaction. It is confidently anticipated that Dundee will be occupied by the British to-day. The residents of the North Country are delighted as forcing the Biggarsberg means that they will speedily be enabled to return to their homes."

enabled to return to their homes."

NEWS OF SUCCESS.

Another despatch to The Associated Press, dated Stonehill Farm, 2:20 this morning, says: "After four days marching eastwards at the foot of the Biggarsberg ridges, in the direction of Helpmakaar, which was occupied by the Federals, the Second British Brigade. Sunday led the attack. Dundonalds Cavairy broke the Boers center, and Bethunes Horse advanced on their extreme right. In the direction of Pomeroy a small party of Burghers occupied a ridge overlooking Helpmakaar, but they did not wait for the assault."

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Recent British scouting in he direction of Dundee, has shown that the Federals were in great force on the Biggarsberg. So apparently, General Buller concluded that it was necessary to clear them from his rear before commencing a movement in the direction of the Drakensberg Range.

If that is his plan, he has possibly divided his forces, sending one column castward to threaten Vryheld, and Utrecht and take Laings Nek in the rear, while a west-bound column attempts to form a junction with the forces of Lord Roberts, via the Harrismith Railroad. Telegrams from Kroonstadt indicate that General French's cavalry is keeping in General French's cavalry is keeping in touch with the Boers, but perhaps Lord Roberts will be compelled to order a brief halt of his main body in order to allow the troops to recuperate after

CITY'S GATES NOW OPENED WIDE REX HOLDS UNDISPUTED SWAY

The Great Richmond Carnival Inaugurated Amid Pomp and Splendor and Inspiring Scenes.

MEMORABLE EVENT IN RICHMOND'S HISTORY

The Capital of the Old Dominion Proves a Mecca and Thousands of Visitors Throng Her Thoroughfares.

KING IS/CROWNED. AMID SCENES OF MAGNIFICENT SPLENDOR.

Twelve Thousand of His Majesty's Loyal Subjects Witness the Imposing Ceremonies at the Auditorium—Keys of the City Surrendered and Royal Edict Read, Declaring the Week to Be One of Festivity and Gaiety and Joy.

The great Carnival and Street Fair, the arrangement for which has caused so much worry and so many sleepless nights to those who have made of it the pleasing success that it has turned out to be, is now at the height of its glory.

Richmond was never more resplendant in flying colors, in resounding strains of sweet music and in happy, joyful crowds of humanity than now.

From early yesterday morning to long after midnight and into the small hours of this morning, the crowd surged and surged from the City Hall to far beyond the Masonic Temple, and it never ceased to wonder and give indications of happiness and delight at each new feature of

played pranks with each other and with the crowd, and all was taken in the sense the crowd, and all was taken in the sense in which it was given. Happiness reigned and very little discord was created, even though the throng at times was for beyond the possible control of any small hody of officers should the occasion for their services have arisen.

The crowd congested at given points, and even when it became an utter impossibility to work one's way through the

stibility to work one's way through the surging masses no one lost his temper, but took the street or waited patiently his turn

CENTER OF ATTRACTION.

The various amusement features were the centers of attraction for great crowds, and when their gaping entrances were closed to the outsiders the crowd within were hardly missed from those on teeming sidewalks and in the streets. One person's place was, seemingly, filled by a dozen more pushing and shoving to get to Men, women and children were in the

crowd. All with happy faces—smiling lips and sparkling eyes—and they never seem-ed to tire in their efforts to see all that was to be seen, and to crowd as many en-joyable moments into their life as a day the Carnival would allow.

Cynical, indeed, is the individual who cannot find twelve happy hours in a day at the Street Fair. Gloomy, indeed, must be the existence of a man who cannot en-ter into the spirit of the Carnival and lengthen his life thereby. Morose, indeed, must be the nature of a man who cannot smile with the crowd when his hat is smile with the crowd when his hat is crushed down over his ears and his coat is split up the back. A day at the Carnival is a sure cure for the blues, and fifteen minutes on Broad Street is worth a whole lot of physic for the dyspeptic.

Whole lot of physic for the dyspeptic. With bright eyes, pretty faces and joyful laughter all around him, and with the realization that there are many methods for driving away dul! care within his grasp, the man who does not come out of a day and night at the Street Fair feeling better thereby, had better remain away

better thereby, had better remain away from Richmond for a solid week.

Never before in the history of the city has Broad Street been in such a gay attire, and never has there been such a bright and happy throng.

The attractions for the sight-seers are many. On every hand is something worth spending some time over, and the crowd itself is a study.

SCENE FROM FAIRYLAND.

Under the electric lights last night Broad Street, with its gally-bedecked booths, its many bands marching from place to place, many bands marching from place to place, its decorated trolley cars, its crowds of people, together with the weird, stentorian tones of the hawkers before the various amusement pavillions, and the oriental music that issued forth from behind curtoine and from the mysterious dentes of tains and from the mysterious depths

tains and from the mysterious depths of Moorish tents and Turkish theatres, was transformed for the time into a street that Gulliver would like to have trodden.

The fascination that goes with such a scene held the multitude, and even the sweet, dulcet tones of the mocking bird that may be heard upon a June day echone from the shady dell of a magnetic ing from the shady dell of a magnolla grove could not have had half the charm that the tom-tom and the castinet from the Hindoo theatre had upon them. s something irresistible about this alleged is something irrepistione about this alleged music that holds one, and remains with one long after the sounds themselves have

eased. The projectors of the Carnival idea, those The projectors of the Carnival idea, those who have worked hard for weeks for a successful termination of the project, felt proud at the close of the first day.

It is a success, and the thousands of strangers who are here will return to their homes with nothing but praise for the manner in which they have have the manner in which they have been re-ceived and entertained by the Richmond people.
The crowd was out to enjoy itself, and

it did. Many things contributed toward

that they helped to build it with their little contributions.

On up Broad Street the crowd makes

On up Broad Street the crowd makes its way and then comes back again, never tiring at the strange sights that appeal from every side. All cannot be seen in one trip, nor in two. Many trips must be made up and down the wonderful city, of bunting, music and beautiful faces, and then when one tires out, and is forced to retire from the scene, he feels that he has seen but a small portion of what is to be seen.

A COSMOPOLITAN CROWD.

The crowd is cosmopolitan. All shades

A COSMOPOLITAN CROWD.

The crowd is cosmopolitan. All shades of humanity compose it. From the stately, graceful Caucasian to the slick and shambling Malay and Mongolian—from the native of the desert to those of the snow capped countries of the North—all—combine to make of the specific on that those who see

the North-all combine to make be-the occasion one that those who see will never forget, and one that will be as an event in the career of any one. Fun and frolic hold sway, and when a very verdant gentleman, made up for the occasion, made his appearance on the streets with trousers three inches short, heavy brogans, a hob-tail coat and a red heavy brogans, a bob-tail coat and a red cap perched on top of a head of pronounced auburn hair, he was immediately selected by a crowd of youngsters as a target. And wherever he went they went too, and they staved with him until a head

and they stayed with him until a herd of elephants passed by, when the crowd fell in line and kept up with that procession, only to stop and change its course when a band of Apache Indians, with a band of music, came in sight, And thus it kept up, and thus it will continue for five more days, and then Richmond will come out of one of the grantest college from the stop of the grantest college from the grant greatest celebrations that ever took place

Strangers from other cities and from the country are here by the thousand. The depots are masses of seething humanity when a train comes in, and whole families, from infants in arms to gray-haired grand-parents are in the Broad Street throng.

The hot sausage man is ready with his

old familiar cry of "Get them while they're hot; a loaf of bread and a poun of meat, only 5 cents!" The lemonade man and the peanut man, and the man who tries your strength, are all here and the balloon man, and the "hit him or head and get a cigar" man are part and parcel of the show, and the big crowd

OPENING OF CARNIVAL.

Great Crowd Witnessed the Ceremo nies at Noon Yesterday.

The Richmond Carnival and Free Street-Fair was formally opened yesterday by the ceremonies which took place from the stand between Third and Fourth Streets

on Broad at noon.

The people began to gather some time prior to the hour, and by noon the thoroughfare was entirely blocked with the eager spectators. So dense was the mass of humanity that the cars were stopped The assemblage extended for squares on both sides of the stand, and was one of the largest ever seen on Broad Street. In spite of the heat of the mid-day sun they

remained throughout the exercises.

THE MUSIC.

Just as the clock struck 12 the bands began to arrive from various portions of the city, and advancing both ways, all playing "Dixie." They were headed by a number of pickaninnies bearing banners declaring the opening of the

bands continued to arrive for several minutes and took the positions assigned them on both sides of the peakers' stand.

speakers' stand.
Following these came the carriages with the speakers and officers of the Association. In the first carriage were Mr. A. H. Meyer, president of the Association; Mr. Joseph Bryan, orator of the occasion; and Mayor R. M. Taylor.
In the second were Col. John S. Harwood, vice-president; Governor Tyler and Rev. Dr. J. B. Hawthorne

izens, the officers of the Association, their wives and daughters.

President Meyer called the assemblage to order and Dr. J. B. Hawthorne of-fered prayer for the success of the under-

THE PRAYER.

His prayer was as follows:
Oh, God, our Father in Heaven, the in-

spiring scenes of this day constrain us to exclaim, "the lines have fallen to us in exclaim, "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places and ours is a goodly heritage." In the very conditions which have rendered possible this magnificent pageant, we recognize Thy favor and loving kindness to this people. We bless Thee for our city—so beautiful for situation, so favore the property of the pagest fame. The great and beautiful Arch is one of the leading attractions. Thousands of people stand minutes at a time in admiration of the majestic structure, and

many of them feel happy at the thought that they helped to build it with their citizenship. We give Thee thanks for the joyou

feelings expressed in this great outpouring of our people; in this elaborate decoration of edifices and thoroughfares; in this bewitching display of vernal flowers; in thi waving of beautiful ensigns, and in these vast processions and thrilling strains of music. For every pulsation of gladness betokened by the events and ceremonies of this day we praise and magnify Thy holy

Oh, God, lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Through all the days and hours of this exciting festival let Thy restraining hand be upon us. Have us all in Thy keeping, so that no unrighteous influences shall possess our minds and hearts, and that nothing shall be said or done that would be incompatable with truth, virtue and public order. May every feature of this great Carnival

be pleasing to Thee, uplifting to our peo-ple and promotive of every real interest of our city. Show us the path of wisdom, duty and safety. Inspire us with the noblest impulses and loftiest purposes; uphold and guide us with Thy mighty hand; help us to make enduring contributions to the welfare of our rate, and when our mission on earth is accomplished, transport us culminating attraction is the imperishable And to Thee, oh, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, we will ascribe eternal praise and dominion, through Jesus Christ, our

Great High Priest and Redeemer. Amen. SPEAKER INTRODUCED. Mayor R. M. Taylor then took the stand and introduced the speaker of the oc casion, Mr. Joseph Bryan.

My Fellow Citizens:

To-day brings us to an event which marks an era in our commercial life. We combine business with pleasure, and the gay and festive scenes which surround us brings forth our heartlest congratulations to our active and energetic citizens, who have by dint of perseverance presented this Carnival to our people.

The high office which I have the honor

to hold, affords me the opportunity of welcoming the strangers within our gates. and I know our proverbial hospitality wi serve to show them that nothing will be left undone to make their visit pleasant and we hope mutually profitable. I have been asked to introduce my dis

tinguished Virginia fellow-citizen to this audience, and my embarrassment is due to the fact that he is as well-known to you as I am. He is with us in everything

and one of us in all things, looking to the upbuilding of our beautiful city. The formality of the occasion, however, demands that I present to you the Hon orable Joseph Bryan, who will make the opening address.

MR. BRYAN'S SPEECH.

Which Was Delivered at the Opening of the Carnival Yesterday. The address of Mr. Joseph Bryan was

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The occasion which has brought us to-gether is one of paculiar and absorbing in-terest. While the people of Richmond have united in many objects of patriotism benev-olence and business, they have not here-tofore undertaken so comprehensive and unique a plan for combining plausure and business as that which we are to inaugurate to-day.

This splendid audience, the display of

rais spiential and leautiful preparation which may be seen throughout our city, all give proof that our people are united and are working together for a common end. Yet this spirit of united effort and co-operation which has produced these results was not once so marked a characteristic of the people of Richmond. The disposition of our fathers was rather to individual than to co-operative efforts. There were, however, here in by-gone days eminent examples of ability and success in almost every department of industrial and commercial enterprise. The product of the milis of Richmond was known throughout the world, and her flour was justly esteemed the best on earth. Her iron-workers were among the most skillful in the land, and without disappointment rely for the muni tions of war to defend our capital. The most generous and bountiful hospitality was dispensed from beautiful homes, and Richmond was famed for the refinement and elegance of its society.

SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY.

But these industrial enterprises were individual, and the spirit of hospitality had not then so widely prevailed that, as we have since happily seen, our whole people, as one person, rejoice to entertain tens of thousands who come to honor our great

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Off to Martinsville.

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LYNCHBURG, VA., May H.—Special.—
Between forty and fifty members of the Lynchburg Home Guard, under command of Captain P. T. Withers and Lieutenants W. J. Seabury and F. J. Doherty, left here this afternoon over the Norfolk and Western Railroad for Roanoke, where they will join with the Roanoke Light Infantry in conducting the negro, Charles Hairston, to Martinsville, where he is to be tried. An immense crowd of friends of the Home Guard was at the station this afternoon to bid the boys good-by. A large majority of the members were connected with the company in its service nected with the company in its service in the Spanish-American war. The jour-ney to Martinsville is the first service the company has seen since its reorganiza-

AN OLD GAME-

Clever Manipulators Known in Other Parts Turn up in Princess Anne. BLOSSOM HILL, VA., May 14-Special Quite a number of the prominent citi-

BLOSSOM HILL, VA., May il—Special, Quite a number of the prominent citizens of this section of Princess Anne county have been victimized by two men giving the names as G. Macintosh and O. Brian, as representatives of some Northern house.

They were going through the county in a Dayton wagon with a man named Bell to pilot them, and selling goods without a license, besides the pieces of cloth they sold did not contain the number of yards that theyguar anteed to be in each piece, and the fraud was not found out until they had gone.

One hundred and twenty-five dollars was the smallest bill that could be made. The sale was effected in this way: The goods were represented to be imported, that they had obtained them without paying the custom house duties, and that they were worth twice the amount charged for them. A note would be taken, payable on some bank in Norfolk, for one hundred and fitty dollars, as the case might be; the pieces of cloth would then be counted out by boits, saying that sp many yards were in each boit, put the note in their pocket and leave.

One of the victimized parties, Mr. W. N. Hartley, soon after they left, measured the goods, and found out the fraud and started on their track with a constable and warrant.

They were traced to Norfolk. At that place a detective was employed, and one of the parties was located at the Monti-

of the parties was located at the Monti-cello Hotel, but the other could not be found. As soon as the man realized that he was trapped, terms of compromise were affered, which was that Hartley re-turn the goods and they would return his note and give him ten dollars in money to drop the matter. The terms

accepted. Mr. J. W. Bright, another victim to the fraud, left yesterday with the con-stable, and at last accounts was very

WILL ERECT AN ARMOR PLANT

Unless Armor Can be Bought at \$445 Per Ton.

HOLLAND TYPE BOATS

The Secretary of Navy Directed to Purchase Five of Them-

THE GENERAL DEFICIENCY BILL

test-The Debate Was Devoted to Political Topics and Mr. De-Armond, of Missouri, Arraigned the Administration Severely.

WASHINGTON, May 11.-After a disussion lasting five full days, the Senate to-day passed the naval appropriation bill, Practically four days were devoted to the consideration of the armor-plate proposition, which was agreed to finally as reported by the committee, with the excep-Con that the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to make contracts only for such time. By the committee's amendment to is authorized to procure armor of the best quality at \$445 per ton; but if he be unable to obtain it at that price, he is then authorized to pay \$548 per ton for the armor for the battleships Maine, Onlo and Missouri, and proceed to erect the armor factory to cost not to exceed Ohlo and Missouri, and proceed to exceed an armor factory to cost not to exceed \$4,000,000, one-half of which amount is made immediately available. To-day, after the rejection of the pend-ing amendment, offered by Mr. Chandler,

the committee's proposition was agreed to by a vote of 32 to 19.

PURCHASE HOLLAND BOATS The Secretary of the Navy is directed to purchase five Holland torpedo-boats at a price not exceeding \$170,000 each.

cuit and District Courts of the United States for the Southern District of Florida, at Ocala, Fla., was passed. A bill providing for the appointment of

A bill providing for the appointment of a collector of customs, at \$4,000 per year, for the customs district of Hawaii, and for such deputies as necessary, was particle. The naval bill was then called up.

Mr. Chandler's amendment, the pending question, substituting in Mr. Tillman's amendment \$425 for \$300 as the price for

Mr. Hoar offered an amendment provid-

ng that if under the committee's propo-

factory is built the Secretary of the Navy

shall submit to the next Congress a de-tailed report, with estimates, as to cost of equipment of such a government plant

and time when the best plate could be delivered thereby. The Senate agreed to

The next committee proposition was for the purchase of five Holland submarine torpedo boats at \$170,960 cach. Mr. Stewart offered an amendment increasing the num-

her from five to ten.

Mr. Daniel thought the Holland boat presented the solution of harbor defence.

"If it be true," said Mr. Daniel, "and I may say I do not share in the belief, that some foreign nation has its eye on us and

enators, to test the Monroe doctrine, then

this boat is the thing we desire for the

defence of our harbors and our coasts."
He would, he added, vote for twenty of
the Holland boats to be built to allay the

seacoast cities, and he would, therefore, support the amendment of Mr. Stewart.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

Adverting to Mr. Lodge's speech, delivered last Friday, with respect to a possible challenge of the Monroe doctrine by Germany, Mr. Duniel said that the prop-

sensitiveness and apprehension of

this amendment, and the committee's position as amended was agreed to-32

per from five to ten.



MR. HENRY LEE VALENTINE. (Who Was Crowned King of the Carnival.)

anxious to renew his acquaintance with | The free homes bill was passed without Messrs. G. Macintosh and O. Brian, but | a word of debate. a word of debate.

An act to provide for sittings of the Cirthe probabilities are that they have de-cided that some other climate would be better suited to their health and happiness, and have sought such a clime with

GERMANS IN AFRICA

They Occupy Territory in the Orange Free State.

LCINDON, May 15.—Lionel Deckle, who is conducting a Cape-to-Cairo expedition, fixted out by the London Daily Telegraph, sends by wire a story from Ulvia, north of Lady Tanganyika, the following: The situation here, is critical. The Ger-mans have forcibly seized all the Congo Free State territory up to Rusizie River, occupying three thousand square miles of Congo territory, with 1,000 soldiers, 15 officers, and one cannon. The Belgian officer withdrew from his

The Germans burned the station. Their officers acted on instructions from Berlin.

SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

Local.

-Thousands of visitors attend the great Street Fair.

-Rex was crowned at the Auditorium

-Rex was crowned at last night.
-The Thornton to be launched to-day.
-Military companies ordered to Martinsville to protect a prisoner.
-Changes in officials of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company.
-Charles Goodloe, assistant superintendent of Station A, arrested for robbing mails.

-Sudden death of Mr. C. H. Webster.

State.

-Two military companies—one from Lynchburg; the other from Roanoke—ordered to Martinsville to guard the negro Hairston. The prisoner was hid in the woods, and was not carried to Roanoke, as stated for a ruse. All quiet at midnight night.

—A pile driver topples over and sinks, with its engine and boiler, in the mud of Tanner's Creek.

—Attempt to break the will of Joseph E. Rumrill.

General.

The Senate agreed to erection of Government armor plant in case armor cannot be secured for \$445 per ton.

General Deficiency bill passed by the House.

-Postal frauds in Cuba of much greater extent than was thought. More arrests

Foreign.

Germany, Mr. Daniel said that the proposition that the War Lord of Germany of the chief ruler of any other nation is projecting or preparing, or building up a navy with the idea of some day testing the Monroe doctrine, is not susceptible to the view of common sense. We ought always to keep in view our objective in the construction of a navy "This New Yorks when you want to be constructed." the construction of a navy. "This is a peaceful nation, and I would preserve in the hearts of our people the conservative doctrine that would keep it a peaceful nation. The object which leads me to vote for liberal appropriations for the navy is simply that we may have recessary weap-ons of defence, and not that we may have vast navy which shall go about the -Buller has taken Biggarsberg position.

-Roberts' main army concentrating at Kroonstadt, while cavalry is pushing on.

-Relief of Mafeking expected hourly.

-Germans have occupied territory in Congo-Free State.

World seeking whom we may devour.

Mr. Hale, of Missouri, proposed that the committee's propositions should be so changed as to make the purchase of five of the Holland boats mandatory instead.

(Continued on Second Bare) world seeking whom we may devour

"Judging from talks I have had with

available force of the Transvaal was now in the field, the final commandeering hav-ing taken place last Thursday, and that it is only the powerful magnetism of

(Who Made the Opening Prayer for the Carnival. levying taxes. His access, therefore, exhausting marches of the past week, has political as well as military conse-All the correspondents agree that to all intents and purposes the Free Staters have severed their military alliance with AT KROONSTADT. the Transvaal, though scattered bodies they say, will possibly hold out here and

REV. DR. J. B. HAWTHORNE.

While Lord Roberts' Infantry are con-centrating at Kroonstadt, where they will rest for a day or two, his horsemen have there. At the same time a despatch from penetrated eighteen miles northward. In the squadron which cut the railway fiften miles beyond Kromstadt was the teen miles beyond kromstadt was the there. At the same time a despatch from the capeting the contraction of the teen miles and the capeting t American scout, Frederick Burham. Two hundred Boers who had hidden in the river jungles, near Kroonstadt, to escape service, have surrendered to the British service, have surrendered to the British and have taken the oath of allegiance.

According to a dispatch from Bennet Burleigh to the Daily Telegraph, dated Thursday, May 10th, Paul Botha and Mac-Donald, members of the Free State Volkesraad, demanded that the chairman should call a meeting to sue for per should call a meeting to sue for peace, as further resistance was suicidal and pro-posed to make President Steyn a prisoner. Nothing definite has been heard about the expected relief of Mafeking. The Cape Town correspondents continue to wire that

relief is imminent, fixing Tuesday or Wednesday as probable dates.

Inquirers at the War Offices are told that the news of the relief will be made public immediately on its receipt. No word had come to hand at midnight. The latest supposition concerning General Hunter is that possibly he is marching up the north bank of the Vaal with a force sufficient, in co-operation with Lord Roberts, to render Boer defence of the Vaal frontier impracticable.

RUNDLE ADVANCING. RUNDLE ADVANCING.

East of B'oemfontein, General Rundle is advancing toward Ladybrand. His troops and those of General Brabant are stretched over a distance of thirty miles. The Boers are described as quite disorganized and as retreating northward, President Steyn's Heutenants are trying to rally them.

to rally them.

The same stories of disintegration com-The same stories of dishegation come from nearly every point where the Eng-lish correspondents are. Mr. Hollaway, formerly correspondent at Mafeking, who was put over the Transvaal border, telegraphs from Lorenzo Marques, Sunday,

the Boers, the end of the war will come in a month or six weeks. Mr. Steincamp, chairman of the Second Raad, who travelied with me, said that if the burghers were pressed from Pretoria they would re-tire to the district of the Lyndenburg Mountains, which had already been pro-visioned. He remarked that he hoped the burghers would stand firm, but he feared they were too broken in spirit.
"I gathered from him that the whole

The Volkesteem asserts that the British prisoners in the hands of the Boers will first feel the effect of the embargo on tinned meats and clothing destined for the Transvaal, at Delagoa Bay.

INNISKILLINGS' LOSSES.

MAFEKING ATTACKED.

The Kaffir District Took Fire and Was

Totally Destroyed.

PRETORIA: May 12.—(Via Lorenzo Marques.)—A war bulletin has been issued

here announcing that the British are ad-

vancing against the Federals at He'p-

makkar and Tonoers Nek. The burghers his morning attacked Mafeking. The telegraphist at Malopo says that a

heavy rifle and cannon fire was heard before six o'clock to-day, and that the

Kaffir district was in flames within an hour, and was totally destroyed.

At ten o'clock, he adds, everything was

At a meeting of 350 Afrikander women

held yesterday, it was resolved to ask th

government for arms and ammunition, and

suggest that they do the work of the men officials in the town, who, they declared, "ought to be fighting at the front."

The resolution was carried unanimously

The Casualties Were Heavier Than at First Reported. LONDON, May 14.-3:10 P. M.-The War

Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts: "Kroonstadt, Sunday, May 13.—There were more casualties in the cavalry divis-ion May 10th than reported by me. I have been unable to get an exact account of what occurred, as the commanding officer, Captain Elsworthy, was killed and two officers were wounded at the same time, and have been sent to the rear, but it would appear that a party of our men going up a kraal on which a white flag was flying was suddenly attacked by a large number of the enemy. Two officers— Captain Haig, of the Sixth Dragoons, and Lleutenant Wilkinson, of the Australian Horse-were made prisoners, and twenty-one men are still unaccounted for. Some

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